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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003, and supplemental to the Advisory Action dated March 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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muting means for muting the input signal to be supplied from said volume to the power amplifiers during a ~~prescribed period~~predetermined length of time required to provide the DC offset by stopping the input signal to the amplifiers.

3. (currently amended) A BTL amplifying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detection means for detecting the DC offset is brought into operation and the decision means are operated when a power switch is turned on, or a signal source is switched.

4. (Original) A BTL amplifying apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said volume means is an electronic volume.

5. (currently amended) A BTL amplifying apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

activation/deactivation means for activating/deactivating the power amplifiers, which deactivates said power amplifiers when it is decided that the ~~differential voltage~~DC offset is larger than said prescribed ~~value~~voltage by the decision means.

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A BTL amplifying apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising: